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Construction-Related Lane Closures Restricted During 4th of July Weekend

TENNILLE – To ease 4th of July holiday weekend traffic congestion, the Georgia Department of Transportation is suspending construction-related lane closures on interstate and major state system highways beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, and extending until 5 a.m., Monday, July 6.

“We expect heavy holiday traffic across the state as people head to celebratory parades, barbecues and fireworks,” said GDOT Director of Construction Jeff Baker. “By restricting lane closures, we hope this will enable motorists to travel with fewer delays and less stress.”

The Department reminds motorists that work crews may still be working in proximity to highways; and safety concerns may require some long-term lane closures to remain in place. Also, incident management or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary at any time on any route. Whenever you approach a work zone: slow down; allow extra distance between vehicles; read signs; obey road crew flaggers; and *expect the unexpected*.

What may affect you...

Interstate 16 Laurens/Trenton

The I-16 rehabilitation project spanning from mile posts 38 to 65 both east and westbound from Laurens to Trenton County will likely still have single lane closures installed during this holiday timeframe. Currently, outside lane closures are active in various locations both eastbound and westbound. No workers will be on the roadway after next Thursday afternoon until the restriction lifts. If weather permits, contractors will stripe the finished outside lanes prior to the Thursday evening restriction. Motorists should be aware that the lane closures could shift to the inside lanes as the weekend approaches, if the work is completed as planned.

Interstate 20 Greene/Richmond

Striping and highway marking activity on Interstate 20 heading through Greene County eastbound will cease next week and not return until Thursday, July 13. This is part of the I-20 resurfacing project from mile 130 in Greene to mile 172 in McDuffie County. Also, Georgia DOT crews handling Richmond County I-20 slab repair activities at mile marker 201 to 200 both east and westbound won't be working due to the 4th of July time period

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Safety is always a primary concern, and this year GDOT is calling special attention to a significant increase in fatalities compared to last year. During the 2014 Fourth of July weekend, 14 people died from crashes on Georgia roadways. GDOT's **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** campaign implores drivers to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Focus on driving.

In the event of a crash or breakdown, pull off the road if possible and turn on your emergency flashers. Otherwise remain seat belted in the vehicle - never get out of the car on a freeway, unless your life is in imminent danger.

For updated information about travel conditions on Georgia's interstates and state routes, Georgia DOT advises travelers to call 511 before getting on the road. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, including traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays. Callers can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In Metro Atlanta, you can also request HERO assistance by calling 511. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

***DriveAlert ArriveAlive** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA*

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